

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

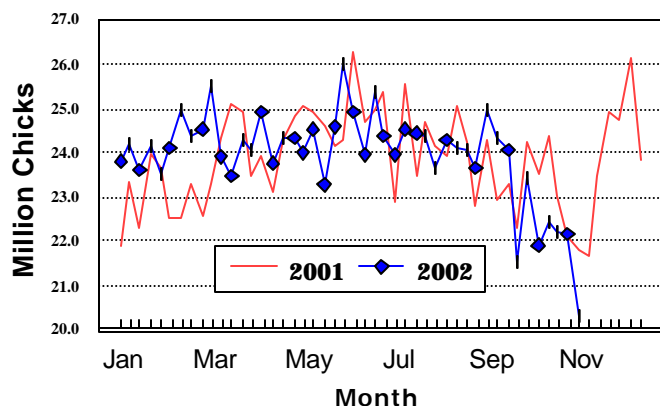
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 20.3 million during the week ending November 16, 2002. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 8 percent from the previous week, and included 1.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 16, 2002 were 1.10 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 21.6 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 5 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

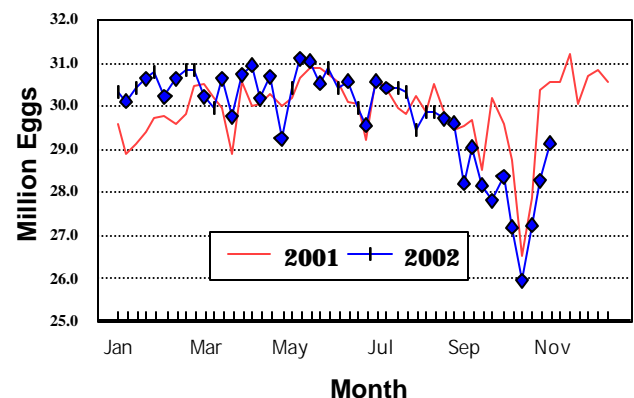
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 16, 2002, down 5 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 12	24,248	23,404	97	24,607	24,017	98	29,619	28,385	96
Oct. 19	23,536	21,930	93	23,599	23,275	99	28,743	27,187	95
Oct. 26	24,413	22,466	92	24,950	23,102	93	26,510	25,951	98
Nov. 2	23,027	22,202	96	24,599	23,143	94	27,837	27,248	98
Nov. 9	22,127	22,150	100	23,854	22,589	95	30,372	28,284	93
Nov. 16	21,833	20,334	93	21,976	21,561	98	30,589	29,119	95

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	%	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	%
Alabama	25,481 *	26,808	27,799	27,523	94	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494	103
ARKANSAS	25,951	27,248	28,284	29,119	95	23,404	21,930	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334	93
Delaware	3,089	3,678	3,480	3,397	99	4,781	4,521	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245	73
Florida	2,305 *	2,296	2,137	2,250	100	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270	102
Georgia	27,399	28,687	30,267	30,194	96	24,663	23,051	23,955	24,000 *	23,524 *	21,700	94
Kentucky	5,650 *	5,989	6,223 *	6,591	106	4,556	5,360	5,076	4,511	4,213 *	4,505	91
Maryland	8,868	9,429	9,917	9,238	101	4,717	5,750	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965	132
Mississippi	16,215 *	16,098	17,708	17,822	97	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673	98
N. Carolina	17,120 *	18,096	17,754	17,386	94	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951	102
Oklahoma	5,335	5,645	6,508	6,391	99	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895	96
Pennsylvania	3,324	3,447 *	3,337 *	3,416	89	2,515	2,473	2,712	2,454 *	2,287 *	2,455	96
S. Carolina	4,206	4,622	4,659 *	4,709	100	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579	3,795 *	3,510	107
Texas	12,467	14,487	15,243	14,762	104	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040	105
Virginia	5,593	5,532	6,013	6,105	92	4,701	5,401	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297	89
CALAMO,TN,WV	18,204 *	18,524 *	19,181 *	19,178	93	16,180	16,120	17,097 *	16,765 *	17,394 *	16,990	96
Total 2002	181,207 *	190,586 *	198,510 *	198,081		153,824	155,300	156,546 *	155,146 *	151,568 *	147,324	
Total 2001	186,671	196,299	204,751	205,712		162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878	
% Prev. Year	97	97	97	96		95	95	94	97	99	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002-2003.....						30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 198 million eggs during the week ending November 16, 2002. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 16, 2002 were 7.68 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.